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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Thomas L. Rainey

Serial No.: 09/339,132

Filed: June 24, 1999

For: **SEGMENTAL RETAINING
WALL SYSTEM**



Group Art Unit: 3635

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Docket No. 51810-1050

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced application, the applicant submits the following preliminary amendment and remarks to be respectively entered and considered prior to examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.